

# Houghton Department

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## MUSIC LOVERS PLEASED AT ADVENT OF SCHUMANN-HEINK

Copper Country People to be Given Opportunity to Hear Great Singers.

## LIFE STORY IS INTERESTING

Every person in the copper country who likes a good song well sung, is interested in the coming to the Keweenaw theater on Decoration Day of Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, who is conceded by many musical critics to be the greatest singer in the world, and almost without exception do the judges of things musical, acclaim her as the greatest contralto.

It is not necessary for you to know the difference between a "symphony" and an "aria" to get great enjoyment from a Schumann-Heink recital. The great contralto says she sings because she loves to sing and some of the songs she loves to sing are simple compositions, some of them well known among the children on the streets.

One of the greatest impressions Madame Schumann-Heink ever made was when she sang "Way Down Upon the Swamps" in the American embassy at Berlin a couple of years ago. It was at the request of Ambassador Hill that she sang and her audience was a large one made up almost entirely of Americans.

In speaking of this occasion later, the great contralto said, "It was the most remarkable concert I ever gave. I managed to get through the first verse, when tears seemed to be in the eyes of everyone. A wave of homesickness passed over the audience. I started to sing the second verse, broke down completely, and left the platform weeping. All in the audience were likewise weeping and we were completely overcome with tears. The next day we all attended services in the American chapel at the invitation of the ambassador and in the course of the service the minister said that we should pray for the dear ones at home. You can imagine that the whole body of Americans never prayed more fervently than in that hour for the loved ones across the big ocean."

She is an American now. Just before starting on one of her tours of the United States recently, she was approached at her New Jersey home by a representative of the New York Sun and asked to tell something of her early life and struggles. She consented to the interview and began it with the following statement: "My father was an Austrian. My mother was an Italian. I have spent most of my life on German soil. But today I am an American citizen and all my eight children shall become American citizens."

She then related to the interviewer the facts of her life. She was born in 1861 at a small place called Lichen in Bohemia, near the Prague. Her father was an officer of a low rank in the Austrian army and there were three other children. Her name was Ernestine Roescher and when she was ten years old she was placed in the convent of the Ursuline Nuns at Prague and sang in the choir, thus getting her first training in music. In speaking of this period of her life Madame Schumann-Heink said, "When I sang well I received, as a reward, a ribbon, or sweet, cooked with raisins on the top. If I made a slip I got my ears boxed. Thus my early musical training consisted of 'ribbons and slaps.'"

Later her father was transferred to Tiro and here Marietta von Le Clair, hearing the child sing, offered to teach her. This teacher kept the girl in exercises for two years and then her song some songs by Schubert and Mendelssohn. When she was 18 years old she presented herself to an opera director in Vienna on the recommendation of a singer who had come to Tiro to render an opera. In telling of this Madame said: "I was a thin, scrawny-looking girl and my mother was of the poorest material and ill-living. The director heard me sing and, after looking me over said, 'You had better go home and get fed up and

then go to a finishing school.' It was a bitter trip home."

Engaged for Dresden Opera. It was not very long after this setback, however, that Ernestine Roescher's opportunity came. She was brought to Dresden to sing a small part of the Royal Dresden opera. Director von Platen thereupon engaged her at a small salary and she remained in Dresden for four years, singing and studying how to sing better. A little later she went to Hamburg where she appeared at the Stadt Theater in some minor parts of the operatic productions. She had not been at Hamburg a great time when she was thrust into the title role in "Carmen" by the sudden leaving of the prima donna.

This latter person, because of some difference of opinion with the management refused to appear in "Carmen" that night. The then "Madame Heink" had never sung the role nor had she made a study of it, but her observation of others in acting the part and her wonderful memory of music came to her assistance and she concentrated to attempt the piece. She scored an immense success and from that time her place in the musical world was assured.

In 1898 the new prima donna became famous through her singing at Bayreuth and this led to her being booked to sing in opera in this country and in England. She was very successful in these trips and it was not long after this that she astonished the musical world with the announcement that she intended to remain in America and become an American citizen.

A few years later she married her third husband, William Rapp of Chicago.

Some Songs She Sings. In speaking of the kind of songs she sings at her concerts and the kind she probably will sing when she comes here, Madame Schumann-Heink recently said, "It is alright for well educated persons to have an entirely classical program, but people who are tired out by the day's work and go to an entertainment at night, should be entertained. Variety is the spice of life in music as well as anything else. I love to sing American songs at my concerts. The music of some of them is positively beautiful. For example, take 'The Rose' by Ethelbert Nevin. It is one of the most exquisite pieces that I know of and I am very fond of it. Everywhere I sing it, the audience goes wild over it. Beautiful as the words are themselves, the sentiment is still more bewitching. Nevin was a genius and his music is something beautiful."

"The Irish Love Song" by Margaret Guthrie Lang, is also a piece that I love to sing," continued the great contralto, "and one that receives great applause from my audiences. I also have had the 'Two Folk Songs' of G. W. Chadwick incorporated into my programs as I regard them as very beautiful. I find that American songs take best and inasmuch as they are so beautiful and exquisite in sentiment, I think it proper to have them on my program."

Some singers claim that much of their success depends upon having an accompanist who 'feels' the spirit of the music being played and gives the proper expression to the piece being rendered. In Mrs. Katherine Hoffman of Chicago, Madame Schumann-Heink has one of the best accompanists ever born—for successful accompanists are born, not made—and when Madame Schumann-Heink comes to the copper country she will have Mrs. Hoffman at the piano.

ICE HARVEST IS LARGE. Although the season has been backward this winter, it is expected that the ice harvest will be large in this section. The Twin City company reports that they have already cut nearly a thousand cords of the congested field at Dollar Bay, which was put in storage for Dollar Bay parties.

They began operations this morning in cutting 150 cords for Deer Bros. of Hancock and will then begin to cut the supply for local storage warehouses and breweries. They will also harvest 4,000 cords for domestic use, which will be cut from upper Portage Lake and stored in their big ice-houses here.

William, son of Captain John Tudgen, of Wakefield, is spending a few days with the family of Captain John Robbins of Isle Royale.

## SUIT REVEALS A STRANGE STORY OF A YOUNG WOMAN

Given by Her Father to Neighbors Girl Later Returns. Foster Father Now Sues.

## HE WANTS \$3,300 FOR BOARD

In circuit court today, there developed a peculiar story of the life of a girl whose mother died at the time that she was born and who was given into the care of a neighbor, grew up as that man's child, later found out her real parentage, and left her foster parents to take up her abode with her own father.

The story developed in the case of Nobert Boyer against August Joyal. Both of the parties to the action are residents of Lake Linden. About twenty years ago, Joyal's wife gave birth to a little girl. Before the little mite of humanity knew what this big strange world was like, her mother had passed out of it and she was a half-orphan. At the suggestion of the parish priest the little babe was taken into the home of Nobert Boyer and was known all through her younger life as the daughter of the Boyer home.

When she was fourteen years old the truth of her parentage was made known to her and she began to be visited by her father and her natural love for her parent asserted herself. She left the Boyer home and took up her residence with her father who had by this time, it is said, amassed a considerable amount of money. Now her foster parent wants her real parent to pay for the girl's board, at the rate of \$15 per month, amounting altogether to about \$3,300.

## DIES IN NEW MEXICO.

Former Chassell Grocer Passes Away After Long Illness.

The remains of the late Joseph LePage, who died this week in New Mexico, have been received in Chassell, his former home. The funeral services will be conducted at Chassell tomorrow with interment in the Houghton cemetery.

Mr. LePage was 43 years of age, and has been a resident of the copper country for a number of years. Up to about two years ago, he conducted a grocery store at Chassell, he having led a retired life since that time. About three years ago, the father of the deceased was killed in a railroad accident on the Copper Range road. Last October, Mr. LePage was forced to locate in New Mexico because of failing health.

Three brothers, Jeno of Washington, Moses of Minnesota and Edward of Chassell and one sister survive him. A widow and two children also mourn his demise.

## TRAINED NURSE HERE.

Miss Caroline Ehlert the trained nurse, who has been engaged by the Houghton County Anti-Tuberculosis society, arrived in Houghton on the noon train from Chicago today, and is the guest at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Hubbard. Miss Ehlert was expected yesterday but stopped off to visit friends in Ishpeming for a short time. It is expected that she will take charge of her new duties in a very short time.

## OSBORN CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

Houghton Branch of Organization Will Convene at Village Hall.

The Houghton Osborn club will meet at the village hall this evening to hear reports from the committees and to perfect a more permanent and satisfactory organization. The committee on resolutions has finished the preparations of the resolutions to be presented for the consideration of the members at tonight's meeting and other important affairs will come up. President Lawrence L. Croze of the local organization, in his call for the meeting asked that all the citizens of all parties to come to this session as they are all interested in the primary law matter which will be discussed at some length and the meeting will be non-partisan to the extent that there are many who are not republicans who have declared their intention of voting and working for the nomination and election of Chase S. Osborn for governor.

## M. C. M. PARTY TOMORROW.

The boys of the Michigan College of Mines are making great plans for the entertainment of their friends at the Amphichrome tomorrow night on the occasion of their first annual skating party and dance. The college boys know how to do the entertaining "stunt" and they are expecting a big crowd to come to their party. The Quincy band is to furnish the music for the occasion and has prepared a long program of dances.

## HOUGHTON BREVITIES.

Mrs. Joseph F. Hamblitz and her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Jackson of this village, left today for a trip to Cuba. They had thought to get away earlier in the week but were delayed. The ladies of the Presbyterian church are making great preparations for their chicken-pie supper at the church on the evening of Washington's birthday. Captain Wesley Clark has returned after a trip to the east on business. Harold C. E. Spence arrived in the village from New Mexico and is registered at the "Anglers' house." The repairing of the Portage Lake bridge will soon be actually under way.

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## NO INVITATION NEEDED TO ATTEND LIBRARY OPENING

Wrong Impression Gained as to Nature of Entertainment at Opening of Building.

## EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED

It has come to the notice of The News representative in Houghton that many people think that the opening exercises at the new public library tomorrow afternoon and evening are only for those guests who receive invitations to attend. This impression is entirely erroneous and the librarian has asked that it be made clear to the people that the opening ceremonies are entirely public and any who wish to attend are urged to do so.

The finishing touches were today being put upon the decorations and the arrangement for the opening is now entirely complete. The high school orchestra has been practicing the music that they will render at the opening and Miss L. E. Stearns of the Wisconsin State Library commission, who is to talk to the children in the afternoon session, at which the mothers and their children will be present, and deliver an address to the older people in the evening on "The Library and the People," is expected to arrive from Madison tomorrow on the noon train.

The lumber for the new roadway having arrived, the bridge will be closed to team traffic while the repairs are being made, the teams crossing on the ice in the meantime.

## CONFEDERATE HALF DOLLAR NOW VALUED AT \$10,000.



Confederate States Coin of 1861.

New York City, Feb. 16.—Something has been found more rare than the proverbial day in June, and that is a silver half dollar coined by the Confederate States of America in 1861.

Collectors of rare coins believe it to be the only specimen of Confederate coinage and it is now valued at \$10,000. It is now the property of Edgar H. Adams of Brooklyn. "It is believed," Mr. Adams said, "that this half dollar, which is one of the four samples struck off in the New Orleans mint by the Confederate government, was once the property of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. I have a letter written by Mr. Davis in 1873 stating that one of the coins was presented to him, and that it was taken from his trunk after his capture."

The obverse side is of the regular United States government design, while the reverse shows the shield of seven stars and seven stripes, surrounded by wreaths representing sugar cane and cotton plants. On the border is the inscription, "Confederate States of America. Half Dollar, 1861."

This coin was designed, Mr. Adams said, by Secretary Meninger of President Davis' cabinet, but only four pieces were struck off at the New Orleans mint as samples. These four coins, of the same date and design, according to Mr. Adams, represent the only metallic currency of the Confederacy.

## BANK OF ENGLAND FRAUD.

Mystery of a Taxicab and a Loss of \$7,500.

An extraordinary fraud, particulars of which became known recently, was perpetrated on the Bank of England. Early in the afternoon a letter was received by the manager of the Burlington Gardens branch of the bank, requesting to come from a client and requesting that a fresh check book be sent to an address given in the letter. The request was complied with, and later in the day a well dressed young man presented a check for £1,500. In return he was given Bank of England notes, several of which were for the face value of £100, but most of them for smaller amounts of £20, £10 and £5.

## STELMARJESKY GETS VERDICT OF \$750 AGAINST MINZGHOR

Jury Returns After Deliberating One Hour With Decision for Plaintiff.

## BREWERY CASE BEING HEARD

After an hour's deliberation the jury in the case of John Stelmarsjesky against Matt Minzghor came into court yesterday afternoon with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$750. He had asked for \$1,450 which he claimed was due him for the property on which he situated the Superior mine and which he had transferred to Minzghor, he claimed, while under the influence of liquor.

Immediately after the foregoing case had been given to the jury the case of Oreste Monticello, a Hancock saloon-keeper, against the Bosch Brewing Co., was called for trial and a jury secured. In this action the plaintiff is asking that he be given judgment for ten per cent of about \$6,000, the amount which he had paid to the brewing concern for beer during about three years.

Monticello, through his attorneys, Burritt & Burritt, claims that he has this money coming in the form of a rebate which the company agreed to pay him. J. A. Braun of Hancock, the local agent for the brewing company, says that his company never promised any rebates, saying that it is the policy of the concern to allow 30 cents to be spent with each barrel of beer sold to a saloon. He says that this is only a custom with the brewery and not an agreement. The brewing company is represented in the case by Attorneys Hanchette & Lawton.

Evidence was heard in the case all the balance of yesterday afternoon and this morning and the case was given to the jury just before noon. It is thought that the jury will return a verdict of some kind before the day is over.

Evening detective officers went to a well known hotel in the Haymarket, where they spoke to a young man who had just driven up in a taxicab. They requested him to accompany them to Vine street police station, where he was detained on suspicion of being concerned in the fraud.

The driver of the taxicab, whose name is William Salter, has supplied the police with a remarkable story. Salter used to drive a hansom cab and his fare was known to him. Early yesterday morning the young man hailed Salter in the Haymarket, and asked him to drive him to an address in Besborough Gardens, Pimlico, whence, after half an hour, he came out with a box and asked to be driven to Cook's Tourist Agency, in Ludgate Circus. From there he asked to be taken to the Central Meat Market. A stop was made at a hotel in the vicinity of the market where the driver of the taxicab stood himself a bottle of champagne.

Salter then noticed that his fare had a roll of Bank of England notes for varying amounts, and was told that he would be wanted all day. From the meat market the young man directed the driver to the Tulse Hill hotel, where he had further drinks. Subsequently he left the hotel, telling the driver to wait for him, and was away about four hours. According to Salter he came back in a four-wheeled cab about 4:45, and proceeded in the taxicab back to Besborough Gardens.

From there he sent a portmanteau by Salter to Victoria station, telling him to return. Salter left the trunk at the baggage office, and on returning drove his fare to a number of pawnshops in the southwest district, finally taking him back to the hotel in the Haymarket already referred to. Here detectives were in waiting with the result named.

In the course of the evening a second man was also detained in connection with the fraud.—London Telegraph.

## OF SUCH THINGS ARE DREAMS

A Case That Illustrates How Time Is Annihilated During Sleep.

Perhaps the best instance of the incredibly great amount of material that may be crowded in a dream of brief duration is afforded by the authenticated case of "the man and the vase." The circumstances, as presented by the Philadelphia Record, were as follows:

The man sat before his fire drowsily musing. A draft blowing across the room set a large photograph on the mantel above the fireplace to swaying. A slender vase stood in front of the photograph, and the man remembered wondering, in a mood of whimsical indifference, whether the picture would blow forward and send the vase to the floor.

Finally a sudden gust of wind did topple the photograph, and it struck the vase. The man remembered having been curiously relieved in his somnolent state that at last "the old thing was going to fall and be done with it." Precisely, however, he was in the midst of a complicated business transaction in a mining center a couple of thousand miles away. All the details of a new and attractive scheme were coming from a man's lips, and a board of directors were listening with grave attention. The scheme prospered. The mining center grew to be a large city. The man moved his family west. Bits of the details of his journey thither came to his mind, and even circumstances connected with the construction of the fine house he had erected were brought vividly before him.

Finally a crash woke him. The vase had struck the floor. He had dreamed an unaltered life covering years, and all in the time it took for the vase, which he had seen tottering before he fell asleep, to fall five feet and break.



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## FASHIONABLE FURS.



With the severe weather the return of outer garments of fur suggest not only luxurious comfort but distinctive beauty as well. The coats and wraps in long half-titled styles are being much worn and this year are trimmed in a variety of ways. The fur hat which is larger than last year and of fur to match the coat or muff and stole, holds its own with the popular beaver. The newest neck scarf is broad and flat, with little shaping, although other styles are longer and are shaped to fit the neck and shoulders. Some cloth coats have large shawl collars of fur to match the muff to be worn with them. Muffs are very large and many of them are trimmed. The most fashionable furs of the season are Persian lamb, seal skin, sable, ermine, caracul and the several varieties of fox.

## HAIR ARRANGEMENT FOR VARIOUS PROFILES.



"Blessed is she who has found her type—and dresses up to it," said a well known society wit not long ago, and that woman is indeed wise who does this. A young woman of singularly piquant beauty, whose nose is undeniably reticent, has adopted a style of hair arrangement which suits her to perfection. The hair allowed

to wave softly and naturally about the face is a foundation for the glorious braid wound closely about the head, the ends losing themselves under a cluster of puffs that bespeak the Grecian in outline. Four hand carved, real shell pins hold the braid in place at intervals.

**Symphony Shirt and Dotty Solo.** The musical young woman who dropped her peekaboo waist in the piano player and turned out a Beechoven sonata, has her equal in the lady who stood in front of a five-bar fence and sang all the dots on her veil.—Everybody's Magazine.

## Atmospheric Qualities.

The earth's atmosphere extends some 40 miles in height, but becomes, at only a few miles from the earth's surface, too thin to support any form of animal life.

## A Doctor in Siam.

In Siam anybody is allowed to practice medicine. In that whole country there are only three dentists.

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